

EL CERRITO DEL NORTE

PLANNING The City is currently developing a set of Design Guidelines for the Del Norte area, including the BART station property. Draft guidelines call for a “transit + village” approach, recognizing that Del Norte BART is a regional transportation hub as well as accommodating the community’s desire for development on a walkable scale. These guidelines are currently being circulated for review. Design concepts for the BART station area development (discussed below) is consistent with these draft guidelines.

BART staff will be preparing a Comprehensive Station Plan for El Cerrito Del Norte to be completed by Summer 2004.

DEVELOPMENT In the fall of 2001, BART’s developer (CFC Partners, Inc.) redefined a private development project for the BART station property. With City Council concurrence, CFC Partners then conducted a series of community workshops, with the final workshop being held at a City Council work session. As a result of the workshops, in November 2002, the BART Board authorized an enlargement of CFC Partners’ area under an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) to pursue the community supported development concept. The City then authorized exclusive negotiations with BART’s developer for property the City controls adjacent to the BART station. CFC Partners subsequently selected Shea Properties as a potential joint venture partner. However, Shea Properties, after conducting a 75-day due diligence assessment authorized by the City Council, decided not to pursue the project. City and BART staff will meet to determine next steps in the process.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS Vallejo Transit and the Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT) have received funding through MTC’s Regional Express Bus Program for increased peak hour service from Solano County and Martinez to the El Cerrito del Norte station.

In addition, new carpool program signs were installed at the station and a new permit system and marketing campaign also will be launched to increase use of carpool parking spaces. RIDES for Bay Area Commuters will assist in promoting this new program at a regional level.

BART staff is completed installation of 136 additional new bike racks/lockers at this station and new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles will be installed, pending the receipt of grant funds.

REINVESTMENT This station had new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the parking garage in 2002 and is scheduled to have the same installed within the station itself and throughout the surface parking lot in 2005. This station also had the

parking lot surface rehabilitated in 2003. These projects are all part of ongoing station renovation program activities. Included in the parking lot rehabilitation is repair and resurfacing of the lot, as well as the re-striping and renumbering of the stalls, and the replacement of pavement markings with long life thermoplastic markings. Lots are also realigned to maximize space utilization and to support the District's new Long-Term Parking Program.